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SUMMARY: ASAHI CLAIMS IN FRONT-PAGE STORY THAT CIA KNEW
ABOUT LOCKHEED PAYOFFS AND TACITLY APPROVED THEM. REST OF
PRESS HAS NOT PICKED UP STORY. END SUMMARY.

1. MARCH 5 ASAHI SHIMBUN FRONT-PAGED EXCLUSIVE BY WASH-
INGTON CORRESPONDENT MURAKAMI TO EFFECT THAT JUSTICE DEPART-
MENT INVESTIGATORS PROBABLY HAD EVIDENCE THAT CIA HAD KNOWN
OF LOCKHEED PAYOFFS IN JAPAN AND TACITLY AGREED TO THEM.
THIS EVIDENCE, STORY SAID, CONTRADICTED CONGRESSIONAL
TESTIMONY IN APRIL 1976 BY CIA THAT IT HAD NO CONNECTION
WITH LOCKHEED CASE AND HAD NOT INTERVENED IN IT. STORY SAYS
DOJ OFFICIALS NOW WORRIED THAT LOCKHEED OFFICIALS WILL USE
EVIDENCE OF CIA'S SUPPOSED TACIT APPROVAL FOR THEIR DEFENSE
IF THEY SHOULD BE INDICTED.

2. IN LATTER PARAGRAPHS OF FAIRLY BRIEF STORY, MILES
COPELAND, DESCRIBED AS FORMER CIA OFFICER IN CHARGE
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OF MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, IS QUOTED AS TELLING MURAKAMI
IN INTERVIEW THAT DURING 1950'S AND 1960S, STATE DEPT.
AND USG INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES CONSIDERED CHANNELING OF
ILLICIT FUNDS BY AMERICAN MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS
TO PRO-U.S.-JAPANESE POLITICIANS "DESIRABLE" AND THAT
SUCH CONSIDERATION AFFECTED LOCKHEED CASE.
MURAKAMI ALSO REPORTS THAT LATE TARO FUKUDA OF JAPAN

PR COMPANY, WHO WAS INTERPRETER AND ASSISTANT TO
LOCKHEED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KOCHIAN IN TOKYO, WAS CIA
AGENT, BUT DOES NOT IDENTIFY SOURCE OF THAT ALLEGATION.

3. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY BECAUSE STORY DEALS WITH BOTH
LOCKHEED AFFAIR, WHICH IS NOW BEFORE COURTS, AND
WITH CIA, ASAHI GAVE IT FRONT-PAGE PLAY. FACT
THAT OTHER JAPANESE PAPERS DID NOT RUN ASAHI'S STORY
IN THEIR MARCH 6 EDITIONS MAY INDICATE THAT THEY, LIKE
US, FELT THAT EVIDENCE ON WHICH ASAHI HAD CONSTRUCTED
STORY WAS DUBIOUS.

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